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Mary, daughter of Edmund and Mary Berkeley, born Jan^{ry} y^{e} 15th, baptized Jan^{ry} y^{e} 30th, 173$\frac{7}{8}$.

Sarah, daughter of Edm^{d} and Mary Berkeley, born Jan^{r} y^{e} 27th, bap^{d} 174$\frac{1}{2}$.

Sarah Berkeley interred on Sunday, Augt 16th, 1795,

Edmund Berkeley died July 8th, 1802, 5^{m} past 7 P. M.

Thomas L. Churchill and Elizabeth B. Berkeley married May 28th, [1801].

Henry Hefferman and Lucy N. Berkeley Sep^{t} 28, 1800.

Corbin Griffin (of York county) and Mary Berkeley married April 20th, 1771.

LETTER OF RALPH WORMELEY.[1]

VIRGINIA, ROSEGILL, 25 *April*, 1795.

I hear there lives at Riccal, in Yorkshire, a Mr. Wormeley. I wish to know his Christian name, whether he be a married man, of what age and what peculiar turn, where educated—in short, all circumstances concerning him and his family.

I would also convey to him, if I could, the following information as to his family in this country: that it has been settled here upwards of one hundred and fifty years, that the grandfather of the subscriber was carried to England by his mother, who was a daughter of Eltonhead[2] (Gen'l), at three years old, she being then a widow. While in England (her Christian name was Agatha) she married Sir Henry Chicheley,[3] a Knight and Alderman of London. Her son, after his education at school, Oxford, and the Temple

[1] Copied by Dr. A. G. Grinnan from Ralph Wormeley's letter-book.

[2] The Wormeley family of Virginia was one of the F. F. Vs. The emigrant, Ralph Wormeley, was descended from Sir John de Wormeley, of Hadfield, Co. York. The writer of the above letter was descended from the emigrant thus: Ralph,[1] the emigrant, member of the Council; died 1649; Ralph,[2] of "Rosegill," on the Rappahannock River, in Middlesex county, born 1620, died 1665; member of the Council; married Agatha, daughter of Richard Eltonhead and widow of Luke Stubbins, of Northampton county, Virginia; and she married, 3dly, Sir Henry Chicheley,[3] governor, who died in Virginia; Ralph,[3] born 1650; died December 5, 1703; educated at Oxford; Secretary of State in 1693, and President of the Council; John,[4] born 1689, died 1726; grandfather of Ralph,[6] the writer of the letter above. This last was a member of the Council, and for many years a burgess. He sympathized with the royal cause in the Revolution, but took no active part. Towards the close of the war a privateer descended upon "Rosegill," took away thirty-six slaves, and robbed him of his plate and other valuable property. His son James was the father of Ralph Randolph Wormeley, admiral in the Royal Navy of England. In the letter above Ralph Wormeley skips a generation, and his dates are not exact. See account of "Wormeley Family" in Lee's *Lee of Virginia*, p. 144. This letter adds some new and interesting details.

[3] Sir Henry Chicheley died Feb. 5, 1682–'83.

was finished, returned to Va. one of the king's council and secretary of the colony.

Lord Effingham Howard, governor of Virginia, lived with him at Rosegill. Mr. Wormeley died aged Sixty years, A. D. 1700. His sons, his grandson, my father, and I have resided here ever since.

The writer of this was educated at Eaton school. Robert D. Avery Hilliard of Winestead was his cotemporary both there and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and can inform Mr. Wormeley of the truth of the above facts; he was a fellow commoner of Trinity Hall. The present Bishop of London he is known to, and also to Edmund Jennings, Esq., formerly of Yorkshire, and now of Lincoln's Inn. Mr. William Beverley, of Beverley, in Yorkshire, who married Miss Midgeley, can inform Mr. Wormeley of the Character, circumstances, family and condition of the underwritten. In 1765 he returned to Virginia, and was one of the king's council in the colony, and a member, of course, of the upper house of legislature. In the war he was confined for his loyalty and attachment to the old government, suffered in his person and fortune.

He has three sons and three daughters. Mr. William Strickland, the son of Sir George Strickland, has been here, having done him the favor to get letters to introduce him to the subscriber. He can also inform Mr. Wormeley of all particulars concerning the writer of this paper. Ralph Wormeley of Rosegill is the oldest son of the late R. Wormeley, who was the eldest branch of the family, none of whom are left but his sons and daughters. Ralph Wormeley has two brothers and one sister alive, who married Mr. Philip Ludwell Grymes of Brandon, Virginia. There are none of the name left except the subscriber, and his children and his two brothers. RALPH WORMELEY.

Wm. Strickland, Esq.

MARRIAGE RECORDS FROM RALPH WORMELEY'S BIBLE.[1]

(*Printed in* 1768.)

Miss Elizabeth Tayloe was married to Col. Edward Lloyd the 19th of November 1762, he died July 11 1796.

Miss Rebecca Tayloe was married to Col. Francis Lightfoot Lee 25th May, 1769. Mrs Lee died the 7th Jan. and Col. Lee on the 17th of January 1797.

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